

The bill is fully paid for using sales from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve which was valued at an estimated \$42 billion according to the Government Accountability Office.

I urge my colleagues to support Northern Mariana Islands Coronavirus Emergency Assistance Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, on March 5, 2020, I was unable to be present for Roll Call vote number 87 on agreeing to the amendment offered by Rep. CISNEROS of California to the "Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020" (H.R. 1140). Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA."

I was also unable to be present for Roll Call vote number 88 on agreeing to the amendment offered by Rep. MUCARSEL-POWELL of Florida [on behalf of Rep. SCHRIER of Washington] to H.R. 1140. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA."

Additionally, I was unable to be present for Roll Call vote number 89 regarding the Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1140. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY."

Finally, I was unable to be present for Roll Call vote number 90 on agreeing to final passage of H.R. 1140, "Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020." Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA."

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF ATTORNEY STEVE FARBER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman Ed PERLMUTTER, Congressman JASON CROW, and Congressman JOE NEGUSE, to recognize the life and achievements of Steve Farber who passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Steve's life was the quintessential example of the American dream. Raised in North Denver, he overcame humble beginnings in order to found one of the city's most renowned law firms, along with the help of his childhood best friends Norm Brownstein and Jack Hyatt. Steve's influence is seen everywhere in Denver, from helping negotiate with the City of Denver to make Denver International Airport a hub for United Airlines to securing funds for major highway projects. Steve represented some of the city's most popular sports teams, and was the key influencer who secured a new stadium for the Denver Broncos.

However, even as Steve built a successful business, he never forgot the importance of helping others. He supported innumerable charitable organizations and philanthropic work. In fact, one of his special causes was educating the public about the life-saving benefits of organ donation. Many years ago, when Mr. Farber was diagnosed with kidney disease that required him to undergo an organ trans-

plant, he realized the devastating toll that patients faced while waiting on transplant lists. With the kind of single-minded grit and determination that he was well known for, Mr. Farber started the American Transplant Foundation in Denver to help save lives and support transplant patients and their families. A decade later, the organization is credited with bringing together almost 500 organ donors and recipients.

Steve was an open and accessible friend to all. An active Democrat, he was an integral force in the party for years. But countless Republicans also called him friend. On a personal note, Steve was one of the first political activists to support me in my career, and has been a trusted friend and confidant throughout my career.

Steve was a one-of-a-kind Denverite; everyone knew him and respected him. He worked alongside national leaders, local mayors, corporate executives and everyday citizens just the same. His friends and colleagues remember him as a "legend" and a "giant." He was all that and more. He was a beloved husband for 48 years as well as a devoted father to 3 sons and grandfather to 6 precious grandchildren.

Steve Farber's hands have left an indelible imprint on the state, and his legacy will live on. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, his friends and colleagues in Denver's legal community and all Coloradans who mourn this terrible loss.